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The 10-member legislative Oversight Commission was created as part of the 1983 Legislative Act which established the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. There are three vacancies on the commission at this time.

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ADECA 2014 Annual Report

Numbers tell the Story

This spring, special needs children in Autauga County and the surrounding area will learn the thrill of hitting a baseball and maneuvering the bases when the Prattville YMCA opens its Field of Dreams.

To make this project possible, determined leaders from the community and local businesses combined their hard work with funding from a grant managed by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Every year ADECA plays an integral role in improving and shaping the lives of Alabamians in a wide variety of projects across our state.

Throughout Alabama, new jobs are being created thanks to ADECA grant programs that prepare the way for new and expanding companies with infrastructure improvements. Our roads, highways and communities are made safer because of funding supplied through ADECA.

ADECA programs have a wide impact, touching all communities and residents in some way.

I am grateful for the resources that ADECA provides and for the opportunity to work with the department's employees to make Alabama a better place to live, work and play.



Robert Bentley
Alabama Governor

Robert Bentley

In recent years, college football teams representing our state have fielded high-powered, fast-paced offenses capable of producing some high numbers on the scoreboards.



Jim Byard, Jr.
ADECA Director

I am proud to report that the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs has been putting up some impressive numbers of its own as shown in this annual report which provides a snapshot of some of those numbers.

We have helped create jobs, supply water and sewer services in areas that have been without those vital utilities, provided training for people looking to improve their lives, and made available additional resources to help law enforcement keep our highways safe and our communities protected. All that adds up to making Alabama a better place to live, work and play.

Whenever I speak with groups about ADECA, I always encourage them to contact either our main office or one of our divisions if it appears any of our programs could assist their community. While I cannot promise a solution, I do know that we will listen carefully to the needs and try to find a solution.

The reason I can give that assurance is summarized by one of my favorite numbers: 200; that is the number of dedicated, knowledgeable ADECA team members I rely upon to help each region of our state run up the score in the most vital ballgame of all — the contest for a better quality of life for every Alabamian.

Jim Byard Jr.

CED



The **Community and Economic Development Division** manages a large number and scope of ADECA's programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program, Appalachian Regional Commission, Delta Regional Authority, Recreation and Conservation and others. Grant programs often combine resources on major projects to ensure they reach their potential and Alabamians receive full benefits.





CDBG

Workers install a sewer line for a neighborhood in the town of Elmore.

\$18.4 million was awarded in CDBG competitive funds to Alabama municipalities and counties for improvements concerning sewer, water, streets, revitalization and related projects that lead to the improved safety, welfare and enhancement of communities.

5 grants amounting to \$1.74 million were awarded to improve living conditions in five areas of the Black Belt Region. Two awards went to Sumter County and the others were for Bullock, Choctaw and Macon counties.



\$6.5 million was awarded in CDBG economic development funds to create or retain jobs in Alabama. The majority of funds is used to provide or upgrade infrastructure for industries and businesses.

3 years is the time that parents in the Prattville area have been organizing its “Field of Dreams” baseball field for special-needs children. Funding of \$250,000 from the CDBG program spurred the project, and the ball field will open for play in April 2015.



The **Community Development Block Grant** provides funds to counties and cities to boost employment, improve living conditions and reduce or prevent blight. Projects include infrastructure improvements, housing revitalization and downtown and neighborhood revitalization.



ARC



The Belle Ochevre Cheese Shop and Tasting Room, included on the ARC *Bon Appétit Appalachia!* listing guide, has helped revive the downtown area of Elkmont.





The **Appalachian Regional Commission** is an economic development agency that works to improve living standards and economic opportunities in the Appalachian Mountain area. It was created by Congress in 1965.



37

Alabama counties are within the ARC region and eligible to apply for funding.

250,000

visitors on average travel each year to Oakville's Jesse Owens Museum to pay tribute to the Olympic champion who was born nearby. ARC funding was used to help establish the park.



5

ranking levels are used to categorize ARC counties; those with lower socio-economic classifications receive higher priority for funding.

48

projects were awarded grants in 2014 totaling \$3.3 million.

3

Farm To Table restaurants in Alabama are featured in the ARC's *Bon Appétit Appalachia!* website and map which note culinary festivals, tours and establishments that source food ingredients from local producers.



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trees were planted at Hackleburg and Phil Campbell high schools as part of tornado recovery. The 13 trees at each school represent the 13 ARC states.

**REC**

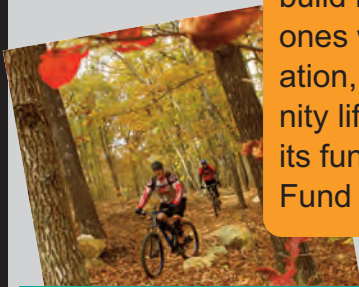
Trails for paddle sports, including canoeing and kayaking, are among the many recreation activities supported by ADECA funding. Other activities include hiking, jogging, biking and motorsports parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and splash pads.



\$1.38 million was awarded in Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trail grants in Alabama during 2014 funding cycle.



The **Recreation and Conservation Unit** provides funding to build new parks and trails or enhance existing ones with the goal of encouraging outdoor recreation, increasing tourism and enhancing community life. ADECA relies on two federal programs for its funding: the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program.



107 miles of trail will be built on more than 22,000 acres of land in Alabama as the result of 2014 grant awards.



1 website is under development by Alabama Trails Commission, with assistance from ADECA, to link and provide information involving nearly every public trail in Alabama.



70 acres are to be developed into new or expanded parks thanks to 2014 Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

#1 recreational activity in Alabama is pleasure walking, according to the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan compiled every five years to meet a National Park Service requirement. ADECA asked the South Central Alabama Development Commission to prepare the latest report.



DRA

The **Delta Regional Authority** is a state-federal partnership created by Congress to improve the quality of life in some of the poorer counties of eight states, including Alabama. The authority seeks to improve infrastructure and transportation as keys to attracting businesses, providing jobs and boosting overall living conditions in those areas.



421

jobs were created or retained as a result of DRA grants awarded to boost economic development.

250 miles of highways are included in Alabama's segment of the World's Widest Yard Sale, an annual event in the Delta Region, stretching from Georgia to Texas along U.S. Highway 80.



\$150,000 was awarded to the Selma Interpretive Center, part of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, for upgrades for the 50th year observance in March 2015 of the historic march for civil rights.



21 Community Action Agencies are engaged by ADECA to carry out CSBG programs at the local level.

5,572 adults participated in CSBG programs that provide tutoring in money management principles.

140,328 children and adults participated in child and family development programs in 2014.

CSBG

The **Community Service Block Grant Program**

assists low-income residents to secure gainful employment and improve their quality of life. ADECA receives CSBG funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

78,135 people participated in CSBG programs to get help with a job, obtain health insurance and learn to lead self-sufficient lives without government assistance.

AAP

The **Alabama Advantage Program**

is a promotional program aimed at attracting retirees to spend their

senior years in the state. The program also seeks to encourage skilled workers to join Alabama's workforce. Dozens of Alabama communities participate in the activities, which include an annual exposition at Orange Beach on Alabama's coast.



3,400 people visited the winter exposition at Orange Beach on the Alabama Gulf. There were 70 vendors and booths at the event, ranging from real estate agencies to chamber of commerce representatives.

95 percent of the inquiries regarding the benefits of living in Alabama come from out-of-state residents seeking to retire in the area or wanting to relocate because of job opportunities, climate or other benefits that come from living in Alabama.

20,000 *Alabama Advantage* magazines are printed and distributed throughout the United States annually. The magazine showcases Alabama communities and touts the benefits of living in the state.

SSBCI

The **State Small Business Credit Initiative**

provides funding to entrepreneurs seeking to start or expand a business. Funded by the U.S. Treasury Department, the program works through participating lending institutions to offer business loans of up to \$5 million.

256 loans were made to small businesses.

1,082 jobs were created with the aid of SSBCI loans.

1,494 jobs were preserved as a result of loans to companies.

\$93 million in loans have been provided since the program began in 2011.



M&J Shipping of Jacksonville relied on a State Small Business Credit Initiative loan through a local bank to get established and provide a shipping outlet for a sister company, Bear & Son Cutlery.

RAIL

The **State Passenger Rail Feasibility Study**

supported by federal funding, is examining the possibility of resuming rail service between Mobile and Birmingham, with stops in Montgomery and smaller cities along the route.



4 potential routes between Birmingham and Montgomery are under study.

13 major stake holders are involved in determining if passenger rail service could succeed in Alabama.

2012 is the year ADECA sought federal funding to conduct the passenger rail feasibility study.

275 miles is the length of a route from Birmingham to Mobile.





ESG

Emergency Solutions Grants

provide temporary and permanent shelter and relief to homeless persons and those who are at risk of becoming homeless. Funds can be used for maintenance and upkeep of homeless shelters, and in some instances for the payment of rent or utility bills to prevent people from losing their homes.

396 persons received homelessness prevention services, which involved temporary assistance with rental and utility payments to prevent those people from becoming homeless.

119 people were the beneficiaries of street-outreach programs in which they received clothing, blankets, toiletries and emergency health and mental health services.

7,032 people received emergency services which include meals, overnight shelter, transportation, day-care services and job training.

NSP

The **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** strives to provide stability in neighborhoods affected by multiple foreclosures or property abandonment. Foreclosed and abandoned houses are acquired by non-profit groups for rehabilitation and then resale or lease.

104 apartments and **23** houses were acquired, repaired and sold or rented.

4 urban areas in Alabama are covered by the NSP program: Huntsville, Birmingham-Jefferson County, Montgomery and Mobile-Mobile County.

1 year is the required time for someone to be in business in order to apply for status as a Minority Business Enterprise.

MBE

Minority Business Enterprise

provides certificates to small minority and women-owned businesses, good for two years, identifying them as a credible entity capable of performing services or providing goods to governments and others. Certification can boost a company's ability to bid and win government contracts.

51 percent of a business is required to be minority-owned in order to be eligible for certification under the Minority Business Enterprise program.

LETS



Lora Weaver, Alabama's Yellow Dot coordinator, displays the program decal at a 2014 state Capitol ceremony to announce a milestone: residents of every county may now participate in the voluntary medical information program.

60 grants totaling \$9.7 million were awarded for Highway Safety Programs, including “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”



The **Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division** administers federal and state funding for programs that make roads safer, fight crime and illegal drug use, assist crime victims, rehabilitate troubled youth and bring offenders to justice.

30,000 crime victims received more than 135,000 services ranging from safe housing and counseling to court preparation thanks to ADECA grants.



First Lady Dianne Bentley holds candlelight vigil at the Capitol to honor domestic violence victims and promote awareness.

41 grants totaling \$2,046,276 were administered via the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.



67 Alabama counties—100 percent—participate in the Yellow Dot program, designed to help Alabama residents provide their medical information to first responders at the scene of a vehicle crash.



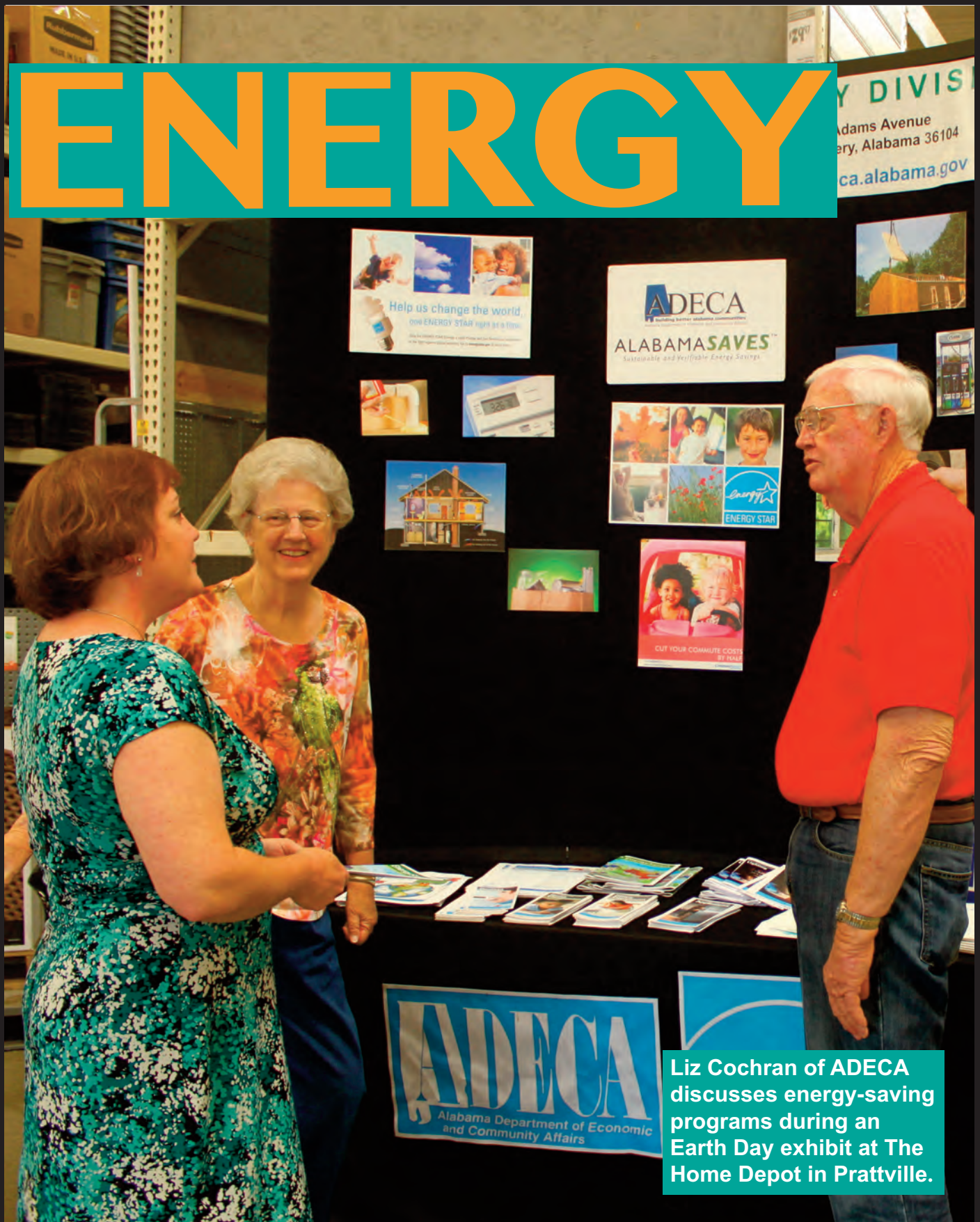
4 states join *Hands Across the Border*, bringing together Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee law enforcement officials to promote highway safety campaigns concentrated along state lines.

28 Drug Task Force grants totaling \$2 million were awarded to law enforcement



agencies to curtail the sale, use and trafficking of illegal drugs in Alabama cities and counties.

ENERGY



Liz Cochran of ADECA discusses energy-saving programs during an Earth Day exhibit at The Home Depot in Prattville.



The **Energy Division** helps Alabamians reduce energy consumption by increasing energy efficiency, and it promotes renewable energy and new energy technologies and practices relating to homes, businesses and transportation. The division assists low-income families with home heating and cooling expenses.



1.65 million square feet of office space in 64 commercial buildings received energy improvements through ADECA's AlabamaSAVES energy loan program.

\$4.6 million in taxpayer savings resulted from an energy-reduction mandate for state-owned buildings ordered by Gov. Bentley and led by ADECA.



220 municipal and county officials and construction professionals participated in training to learn new state energy and building codes.



350 homes were weatherized to cut energy costs for low-income and elderly residents in the Weatherization Assistance Program.

82,350 households in Alabama received one-time assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program.



SURPLUS



ADECA employs professional auctioneers to conduct public auctions for the Surplus Property Division.

35,000 items were sold at public auctions held in May and September of 2014.



The **Surplus Property Division**

manages and redistributes unneeded state and federal transportable property, providing items at low cost to other state agencies, local government entities and nonprofit organizations. Remaining items are sold at state public auctions held several times annually. Most of the proceeds go into the state general fund.

\$3.81

million was collected at auctions and sales in 2014.



93,296 items were sold at auctions or through sales to eligible governments and nonprofit organizations.



2 surplus warehouses are maintained by ADECA: one in Montgomery, where public auctions are held, and another in Morgan County at Eva.

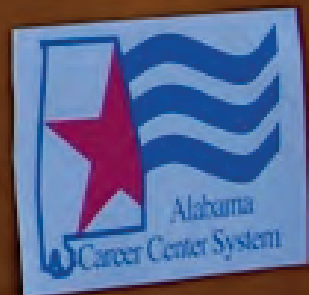
8 a.m. is the start time for all public auctions, but there is no predetermined ending time. Auctions continue until every item is sold. Items may be previewed two days in advance of auctions.



WDD



Kelvin Lawrence, former Hayneville mayor and now state representative, speaks at the opening of a career center in his town. The Career Center, opened in March 2014, eliminates the need for Lowndes County residents to drive at least 16 miles to the nearest center to seek employment services.



962 employees of 14 Alabama businesses learned new job skills and gained advancement opportunities by participating in the state's Incumbent Worker Training program.

45 Alabama Career Center locations in Alabama connect residents with job training and other employment opportunities.

The **Workforce Development Division** helps Alabamians develop the skills and obtain the training needed to qualify for jobs in high-growth, high-demand industries and perform high quality, reliable work for their employers.



\$823,755 was secured to assist up to 1,100 former employees of International Paper Co.'s Courtland mill in north Alabama to obtain new jobs. ADECA applied for the special National Emergency Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

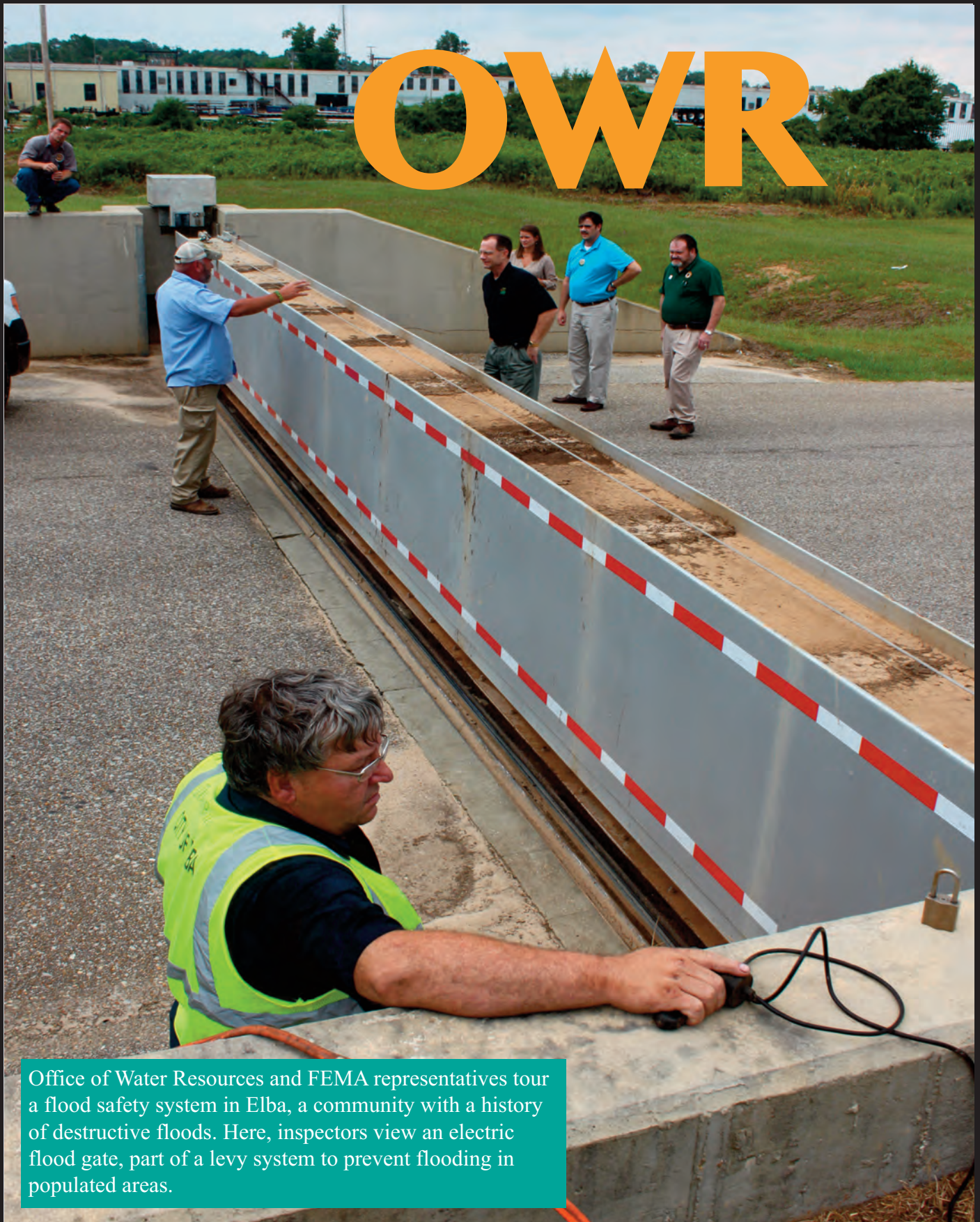


9,700 Alabamians received job-training assistance through the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Act administered by ADECA.

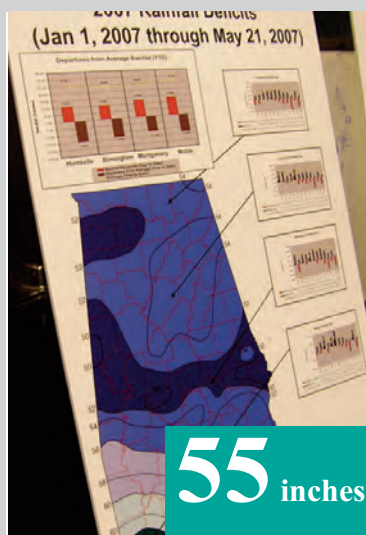
8,519 workers impacted by layoffs and business closings got help from ADECA's Rapid Response Unit.

1 mobile career center vehicle traveled across the state to provide assistance and services at 39 events, including job fairs, Rapid Response Team meetings, sites of natural disasters and recruitment events for military veterans.

OWR



Office of Water Resources and FEMA representatives tour a flood safety system in Elba, a community with a history of destructive floods. Here, inspectors view an electric flood gate, part of a levy system to prevent flooding in populated areas.



55 inches is the average yearly rainfall in Alabama.

The **Office of Water Resources** has a mission to plan, coordinate and manage the state's ground and surface water resources in a manner that is in the best interest of Alabama and its residents. OWR's duties include floodplain management, drought planning and water-use reporting and inventory.

427 Alabama municipalities and counties participate in the National Flood Insurance program which allows property owners within participating jurisdictions to purchase federal flood insurance.



Courthouse in Elba during flood



118 pages are contained in the Alabama Water Agencies Working Group report to the governor regarding the establishment of a state-wide water management plan.

9.99 billion gallons of water are used daily in Alabama, based on latest data. OWR gathers this data every year.

30,000 miles of Alabama streams are analyzed as part of OWR's Flood Management Program. The data are used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Flood Insurance Program.



CID





480 grants were announced to Alabama residents through news releases to newspapers, TV and radio stations and online news outlets and via notifications delivered through Facebook and Twitter.

The **Communication and Information Division**

serves as a link between ADECA programs and Alabama residents with the help of news and social media outlets. CID issues news releases, produces publications and maintains a website to increase awareness of the department's programs and accomplishments. CID operates a printing and graphics shop, a supply room and motor pool and serves as the state's liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau.

76 responses were provided to questions about Alabama Census data received from governmental entities, businesses, academics and residents.



2,302 people follow ADECA on Twitter.



200 different types of publications, including handbooks, Surplus Property auction item lists, workshop handouts, brochures and reports, were compiled and printed by CID staff.

1,280 likes were received by ADECA's Facebook page, which was launched late last year.



120 units of blood were collected from employees through Red Cross and LifeSouth blood drives hosted by ADECA and coordinated by CID.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
2013-2014 Federal Receipts and Expenditures

New Program FY 14

Highlight indicates ARRA programs.

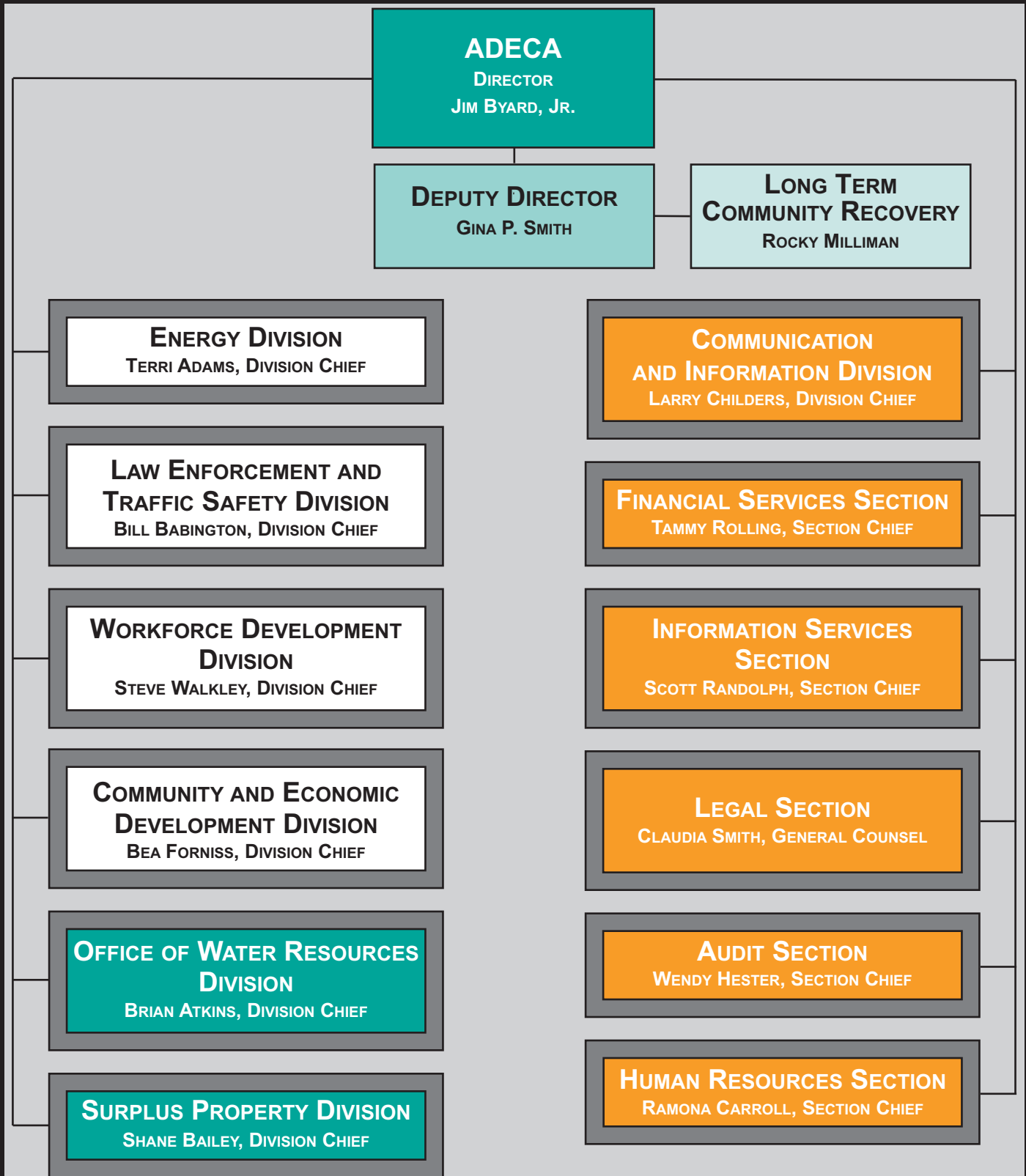
Federal Grantor/Program Title	Receipts	Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE		
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program - ARRA	203,499	214,934
State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program - ARRA	456,712	445,454
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	32,223,583	31,517,369
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	1,993,202	2,002,731
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	1,420,216	1,423,596
Hurricane Sandy Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery	7,247,192	7,312,440
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR		
Outdoor Recreation_Acquisition, Development and Planning	408,756	383,756
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
Sexual Assault Services Formula Program	290,519	290,482
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants	268,130	298,426
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention_Allocation to States	805,679	803,979
Title V_Delinquency Prevention Program	5,095	5,091
Crime Victim Assistance	6,076,339	6,080,774
Violence Against Women Formula Grants	2,053,888	2,055,904
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners	230,073	230,885
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	15,010	11,963
Project Safe Neighborhoods	119,908	120,523
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program	65,583	65,583
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	3,492,470	3,301,432
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	94,698	94,698
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - ARRA	15,816	17,284
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR		
Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities	204,561	202,803
WIA Adult Program	7,964,600	7,961,527
WIA Youth Activities	12,041,964	12,215,797
WIA National Emergency Grants	670,819	666,640
WIA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	16,560,362	16,392,181
WIA Dislocated Worker National Reserve Technical Assistance and Training	8,301	8,301
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Recreational Trails Program	870,445	911,028
Capital Assistance to States - Intercity Passenger Rail Service	82,494	82,494
State and Community Highway Safety	3,156,319	3,239,330
Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants I	667,541	667,541
Occupant Protection Incentive Grants	124,708	79,305
State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants	143,531	177,531
National Priority Safety Programs	2,131,691	1,858,101
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION		
Appalachian Area Development	218,142	218,142
Appalachian Research, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects	103,817	124,361

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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New Program FY 14

Highlight indicates ARRA programs.

Federal Grantor/Program Title	Receipts	Expenditures
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		
Donation of Federal Surplus Personal Property (value of property - not cash received)	17,557,265	14,378,592
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY		
Petroleum Violation Escrow	198	1,183,841
State Energy Program	1,596,566	1,577,245
Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	2,214,094	2,212,079
State Energy Program Special Projects	148,647	150,572
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Research, Development and Analysis - ARRA	8,293	8,345
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) - ARRA		24
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	50,227,971	50,275,063
Community Services Block Grant	12,350,875	12,342,050
Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Battered Women's Shelters	1,413,787	1,397,387
Community Services Block Grant - ARRA	(236,654)	
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY		
Community Assistance Program State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE)	190,529	187,347
National Dam Safety Program	47,750	47,750
Cooperating Technical Partners	3,284,418	3,287,148
	3,522,697	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS	<u>191,239,401</u>	<u>188,529,830</u>



Granting Entities



Support Entities



Other Entities

Organizational Chart as of September 30, 2014

Connecting to ADECA Services

ADECA <i>(Main number)</i>	(334) 242-5100
Director's Office	(334) 242-5591
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Communication and Information Division (CID)	(334) 242-5525
Community and Economic Development Division (CED)	
(Main Number)	(334) 242-5370
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	(334) 242-0492
Emergency Solutions Unit	(334) 353-0288
Community Services Block Grant Unit (CSBG)	(334) 353-4909
Alabama Advantage	(334) 242-5469
Appalachian Regional Commission Unit (ARC)	(334) 353-4490
Delta Regional Authority (DRA)	(334) 353-4490
Recreation and Conservation Unit	(334) 242-5483
State Small Business Credit Initiative	(334) 353-5353
Energy Division (ED)	(334) 242-5292
Financial Services Section	(334) 242-5729
Human Resources Section	(334) 242-5729
Information Services Section	(334) 242-5529
Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division (LETS)	(334) 242-5897
Legal Section	(334) 242-5255
Office of Water Resources Division (OWR)	(344) 242-4991
Workforce Development Division (WDD) <i>(Main number)</i>	(334) 242-5300
Surplus Property Division (SPD) <i>(Main number)</i>	(334) 284-0577
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